

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present Patent Application are Claims 1-24. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above captioned patent application.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 13-16 and 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Cannon et al. (US 2002/0090912 “Cannon”). Applicants have carefully reviewed the cited reference and assert that embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 1-4, 13-16 and 19-22 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Cannon in view of the following rationale.

With respect to Independent Claim 19, Applicants respectfully assert that Cannon does not teach, suggest or disclose the limitation of “wherein said establishing bypasses a Bluetooth discovery process” as recited by Claim 19. In contrast, Cannon teaches, “[i]n step 204, the relevant BLUETOOTH device inquires to other BLUETOOTH devices within range to find other BLUETOOTH devices....” [0041] (emphasis added). Elsewhere, Cannon teaches, “[i]n a preferred embodiment, the BLUETOOTH device searches out all other BLUETOOTH devices” [0047] (emphasis added).

By “inquir(ing) to other BLUETOOTH devices within range” and/or “search(ing) out all other BLUETOOTH devices,” Cannon teaches a conventional Bluetooth discovery process, unlike the claimed embodiment. In this manner

Cannon actually teaches away from embodiments in accordance with the present invention as recited in Claim 19.

For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 19 overcomes the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Claims 20-24 depend from Independent Claim 19. Applicants respectfully assert that these Claims overcome the rejections of record as they depend from an allowable base claim, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

Claim 1 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of Claim 19. Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 1 overcomes the rejections of record for the rationale presented above with respect to Claim 19. Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Claims 2-12 depend from Independent Claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert that these Claims overcome the rejections of record as they depend from an allowable base claim, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

Claim 13 is rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the rejection of Claim 19, as apparatus. Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 13 overcomes the rejections of record for the rationale presented above with respect to Claim 19. Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Claims 14-18 depend from Independent Claim 13. Applicants respectfully assert that these Claims overcome the rejections of record as they depend from an allowable base claim, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Claims 5-6, 17-18 and 23-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Cannon et al. (US 2002/0090912 “Cannon”). Applicants have carefully reviewed the cited reference and assert that embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 5-6, 17-18 and 23-24 are not rendered obvious by Cannon.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 5-6, 17-18 and 23-24 overcome the rejections of record as they depend from allowable base claims, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

Additionally, for the rationale presented above with respect to Claim 19, Applicants respectfully assert that Cannon actually teaches away from embodiments in accordance with the present invention as recited in Claims 5-6, 17-18 and 23-24.

For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 5-6, 17-18 and 23-24 overcome the rejections of record as they depend from allowable base claims, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

Claims 7-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Cannon in view of Pinder et al. (US 6,701,160 “Pinder”). Applicants have carefully reviewed the cited references in their entirety and assert that embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 7-12 are not obvious over Cannon in view of Pinder.

Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection’s proposed modification of Cannon in view of Pinder changes the principle of operation of Cannon. Applicants respectfully assert that Cannon functions based upon receiving calls “from only BLUETOOTH devices having matching PIN or passcode types” [0041]. Cannon’s special group of allowed devices thus do not receive communication requests from outside of the special group of allowed devices (identified by matching PIN or passcode type).

The Rejection acknowledges that Cannon does not teach rejecting a communication request if the device ID is not on a trusted list. Consequently, in accordance with Cannon, no communication requests are received from outside of the specified group, and no communication requests are rejected. In order to control access, Cannon depends upon shared modifications (“an application layer function outside the BLUETOOTH protocol” [Abstract]) and mutual cooperation among devices.

In contrast, Pinder’s method of rejecting a communication request is implemented entirely at a single device, e.g., the receiving end of a communication request. Under Pinder, any device is allowed to make a communication request. Based upon a variety of rules implemented at, and known only by, a device at the

receiving end, such a device determines whether to accept or reject a particular communication request.

Applicants respectfully assert that the foundations of Cannon and Pinder are incompatible, and that a proposed modification of Cannon in view of Pinder must fundamentally change the principle of operation of Cannon. For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that the combined teaching of Cannon in view of Pinder does not teach or suggest the claimed embodiments. Consequently, Applicants respectfully assert that Independent Claims 7-12 overcome the rejection of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

With respect to Claim 7, Applicants respectfully assert that Pinder does not teach, suggest or disclose “rejecting a (Bluetooth) communications request if said device identification is not a member of said list of trusted device identifications” as recited by Claim 7. In contrast, Pinder teaches, “[a]n acceptance list informs the subscriber unit to allows [sic] calls received from callers listed....” (column 3 lines 15-16)

Applicants respectfully assert that “allow(ing) calls received from callers” on a list does not teach, suggest or disclose “rejecting a communications request” from callers not on a list, as recited by Claim 7.

For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 7 overcomes the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Claims 8-12 depend from Independent Claim 7. Applicants respectfully assert that these Claims overcome the rejections of record as they depend from an allowable base claim, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

CONCLUSION

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 1-24. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above captioned patent application.

Applicants have reviewed the following reference that was cited but not relied upon and do not find this reference to show or suggest the present claimed invention: US 6,564,056.


The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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